

## Regulation, Advice and Guidance Note 43

Sponsor Game Development Committee (Youth sub-committee)

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## MINI and YOUTH

### 4301 Description & Aims

- 1 All matches shall be played under the laws of Rugby Football and comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Rugby Football Union.
- 2 All games shall be played as per Regulation 15 Age Grade Rugby Rules except as may be agreed by the Youth Committee in exceptional circumstances.
- 3 In compliance with Regulation 15 the County competitions shall take the following format:
  - U7- U11 Festivals;
  - U12 Tournament
  - U13 - U14 Cup competitions of a waterfall format;
  - U15 - U18 League / Cup Competitions.
- 4 Our young people want to play and enjoy as much rugby as possible; in all Mini (U7-U12) / Youth (U13 – U18) Competitions the adults involved are there to facilitate this and should work with both their players and the opposition to achieve maximum game time and enjoyment for all. All rules / regulations should be read with this understanding – rules / regulations are not intended to be used to prevent / avoid / claim the win from games but to encourage fair play.
- 5 **Trophies**  
Hampshire RFU shall provide trophies, for the winners of the competitions at age groups U12-U18.
- 6 **Medals**  
On the U12 Tournament day medals will be provided to the winners and runners up in the main Cup final.  
Medals will be awarded to the participants in the **Cup finals** only of the Cup competitions at U13 – U16 age groups.  
**A maximum of 23 medals will be awarded in the U14, U15 & U16 Cup competition finals and 19 medals will be awarded for the U13 Cup final.**
- 7 The aim of Youth Competitions is:
  - to promote participation in competition rugby at the U7 to U18 age groups;
  - to improve player development, enjoyment and retention;
  - to produce winners of the various trophies as set out above.

### 4302 Organising Committee

- 1 Youth Competitions shall be organised by the Youth Competitions Sub Committee (*here after referred to as the **Organiser***) This sub-Committee shall be made up of the Youth Committee appointed Cup and League Organisers and the Mini-Youth Chair), which may issue administrative instructions in amplification of this Regulation.
- 2 All communications from Clubs relating to competitions are to be addressed to the appropriate Organiser(s) whose details shall be promulgated in the Hampshire RFU Handbook, on the website and in Appendix 5 to this document.
- 3 Except where otherwise stated, the decision of the Sub-Committee shall be binding and final on any matter not provided for in and on the interpretation of this Regulation.

#### **4303 Eligibility of Clubs and Seeding**

1 All Hampshire Clubs with mini and youth sections shall be eligible to enter County Mini Festivals (U7-U11), the U12 Tournament, U13 - U14 Cup competitions and U15 – U18 league and Cup competitions. Cup competitions (U13-U14) will follow the required waterfall format. Teams will enter the competition to play for the County Cup at that age group and by process of knock-out games be realigned to Cup, Shield, Plate, Bowl, Vase and Trophy competitions subject to the number of entries.

2 Unless otherwise agreed with the Organiser, a Club may only enter one team for Mini Festivals but can contribute different players to a Barbarians side if requested to by another Club or the Organiser

3 Notwithstanding that priority will be given to ensuring all eligible clubs who wish to enter one team are able to, and to the efficient operation of the competition, and with the agreement of the Organiser(s), a Club may enter more than one team in the Youth Cup/Leagues.

4 Where deemed appropriate by the Sub Committee the Cup Competition and Leagues will be seeded to provide appropriate matches at each level seeding normally being decided on performance in the preceding season's Competitions (seeding structure in Appendix 1).

5 If a Club declines to take its place in the level allocated in the League it will be allowed to enter at a lower level. In League Competitions promotion and relegation will be by agreement.

6 At U15 – U18 not more than one XV of a Club shall be placed in any one division of a league.

7 Applications from paid-up Associate Clubs from neighbouring counties to join Youth Competitions will be considered by the Sub-Committee providing this is of benefit to Hampshire's Clubs. Hampshire RFU member clubs will get priority over Out of County Associate clubs at the discretion of the competition organiser.

#### **4304 Eligibility of Players**

1 Only bona fide members of a Club who are registered with the RFU at that club may represent, i.e. either play or be selected as replacements for the Club in these Hampshire Competitions.

2 Once players play for a Club in a Hampshire Competition, they may not play for any other Club in that Competition in the same season, other than in exceptional circumstances and with the agreement of the Sub-Committee.

3 A player with Regulation 15.3 approval procedures completed to play out of age grade may enter Hampshire Competitions at the approved age grade – both the Organiser of that Competition and the opposition should be made aware of a player playing up or down an age grade under Reg. 15.3. All aspects of RFU Regulation 15 and guidance notes must be followed. Signed playing out of age grade forms should be available on the day of the game should there be any queries.

4 Any infringement of 4304.1 to 4304.3 may result in disqualification by the Youth Committee from a Cup or League Competition of the player and the Club involved for the season and the Club may be disqualified from the Cup or League Competition in subsequent seasons.

#### **Infringement of RFU Age Grade regulations will result in Club & Individual Disciplinary proceedings.**

5 To meet the aim of retention of players, all Clubs must endeavour to get games played for the benefit of all the players concerned. To achieve this, it is permissible for spare players to be loaned to the opposing Club if it has less than a full team on the day of a Cup or League match. Time played for the opposition is game time for that player.

All matches shall be commenced with equal numbers. The lowest number of players per team shall be three below the age grade maximum. Alternatively, players can be loaned from one side to another with a view to providing as many players as possible with a game of rugby. In all of the above circumstances the result will stand. In the event that any team is unable to field the minimum number of players then the teams are encouraged to loan players and play a friendly match but the match will be forfeited by the defaulting team.

6 If a match is played with such players, then the Team Managers should agree beforehand whether the result will count. If no such agreement can be reached the match shall be declared void and the Organiser in consultation with the Sub-Committee shall decide how competition points are to be awarded or in the case of the Cup who shall be declared the winner or whether a new date for the match is to be set.

7 In the spirit of these competitions where a Club enters more than one team it is expected that players regularly selected for one team will mainly remain with that team. If there is an objection the match shall be declared void and the Organiser in consultation with the Sub-Committee shall decide how competition points are to be awarded or in the case of the Cup who shall be declared the winner.

NB this is not intended to reduce movement of players as skills develop but to monitor the potential for bolstering a team in a lower competition with players from a higher competition.

## **4305** **Formats**

- 1 Full time shall be called:
- At under 7s to under 13s when the try difference is 6
  - At Under 14s to Under 18s when the points difference is 50

The rest of the game time shall be played as a friendly with the winning side adjusting the number/quality of players on the field or by playing players out of position or with such amendments to the game rules as shall make a more even contest and more enjoyable game for all.

2 Front row and front row replacements are not mandatory in Hampshire Mini or Youth Competitions. Matches may start without penalty with uncontested scrums if a fully trained and competent front row is not available on either side and they may move without penalty to uncontested scrums at any time if a team is no longer able to field a trained and competent front row for any reason.

NB It is hoped, however, that wherever possible a match will be played with contested scrums so that all the players may gain satisfaction from the game.

## **Mini U7 – U11 Festivals**

3 Festivals shall be played in pools of up to 6 teams and each pool shall play a round-robin format

4 Teams are to bring sufficient squad members & rotate the team to avoid overplaying players in accordance with RFU regulations

## **U12 Tournament**

5 The tournament shall be played in pools followed by semi-finals and finals.

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## **Cup U13 - U14**

7 Usual waterfall Cup competition procedures will apply. A multi-tiered competition will be played in order to ensure all clubs play a similar number of games. Finals and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place play offs will be held for each tier. An outline is contained as Appendix 2. This may be subject to change from time to time by the Sub-Committee. The Organiser in consultation with the Sub-Committee may issue further guidance.

8 Results shall be recorded as W/D/L ***See 4313 for Drawn matches***

### **League U15, U16 and U18**

9 Competition points will be awarded as follows:

Win	4
Draw	2
Loss	0
Losing Bonus where by 7 or fewer points	1
A team scoring 4 tries receives a bonus point	1

NB Max points difference recorded shall be 50

10 The position of a Club in a League Table will be decided on the total of its competition points

11 Positions will be determined only from those Clubs which have completed at least 50% of their fixtures. **See also 4314.**

12 If one or more Clubs have the same Competition points the following method shall be used to determine the league position. The winner of the pool stage match between the two teams shall be given the higher league position. If this match was drawn the higher position shall be awarded to the team that has scored the most tries in the competition. If there is still no separation of the teams it shall be decided on a coin toss.

13 In the U15 and U16 League the teams in each division will play each other, this will determine the ranking positions which lead into the second phase Cup competition. The multi-tiered, play-off format will decide the respective winners of the Cup, Shield, Plate, Bowl, Vase and Trophy subject to the number of teams entered.

14 U15 and U16 home advantage in the first-round competition play offs:

1. is awarded to the team with the higher league ranking unless;
2. those two teams have already played that fixture in the League phase in which case the venue is reversed;
3. any friendlies played between the two squads during the current season are not considered;
4. in case of pitch congestion or adverse ground conditions, the two squad managers may mutually agree an alternative venue.

15 If a match is played under non-standard arrangements as permitted within this Regulation, then the Team Managers/Captains must agree beforehand whether the result will count for the Competition.

### **4307 Dates**

1 Cup and League the fixture dates are play by dates and can be re-arranged with the agreement of both Clubs. If no such agreement can be reached the original date shall stand other than where in exceptional circumstances and at the sole discretion of the Organiser in consultation with the Sub-Committee an alternative date is agreed always provided it does not compromise the efficient operation of the Competition - but **see 4307.3.**

2 Should a date be changed; the initiating Club must then inform the Organiser and the referee.

3 Every effort shall be made to avoid dates where County/Divisional Activity is known – however this is not always known in advance and all Clubs have equal potential to be affected; although such a clash of dates is not sufficient reason to demand a change of Cup or League dates Clubs will be expected to use reasonable endeavours to re-arrange any date to avoid such clashes.

4 ALL CLUBS entering the competitions MUST adhere to all the competition dates.

#### **4308**     **Colours**

- 1        In the event of a clash of colours the home team shall change subject to the satisfaction of the referee.
- 2        The jerseys of Youth teams should be numbered to ensure correct identification of players and replacements during a match; however, no team shall be penalised for not wearing numbered shirts.

#### **4309**     **Replacements/Substitutes**

- 1        Rolling substitutions are allowed and encouraged in all Hampshire Competitions.
- 2        RFU regulations require all youth teams to implement the Half Game rule for game play requirement whereby all players listed for a fixture play 50% of the match play time.
- 3        Squad sizes for County Cup and League competitions are limited to:
  - U12 – 17 players;
  - U13 – 19 players;
  - U14 – 23 players;
  - U15 – U16 - 23 players;
  - U18 – 23 players

#### **4310**     **Kick-off Time**

- 1        Mini Festival schedules shall be as published by the Organiser – Clubs should endeavour to stick to these to prevent festivals over-running.
- 2        Cup and League kick-off times shall be agreed between teams. Due consideration and accommodation shall be given to Isle of Wight & Channel Island teams to facilitate their travel arrangements. Home Clubs should inform the visiting team of the kick-off time at least 8 days before the fixture.

#### **4311**     **Venues and Grounds**

- 1        All games involving Channel Islands Clubs shall be played on the mainland unless the mainland Club agree to travel in which case the Channel Island Club shall offer to refund all or a previously agreed proportion of travel costs to the Island for the mainland Club. Such costs are as would be reasonable for the number of players and substitutes allowed in that Competition plus three from Coaches/1<sup>st</sup> Aider/Officials. Costs to and from the point of embarkation or dis-embarkation are to be met by the mainland Club.
- 2        All Clubs shall make fulfilling fixtures with Vectis RFC a priority home and away. Should clubs fail to honour fixtures this will be investigated by the Organiser in conjunction with Chairs and Directors of Rugby of both clubs to determine whether any sanction should be handed down to either of the age groups or clubs.
- 3        In all competition schedules the team name first shall be the home team.
- 4        The Organisers of the Competitions at U13 to U16 will endeavour to arrange the CUP finals at a neutral venue. The venues for the U13 to U16 finals; Plate, Bowl, Vase, Shield etc and the third place play offs will be held at the first named club in the draw. Matches must be played at the determined venue unless it is agreed between the two clubs that an alternative venue should be used.
- 5        The Home Club is responsible for correctly and clearly marking its pitch, ensuring it is of a size that complies with RFU Regulations, and it must make proper provision for safety as in RFU Regulations. In the interests of safety, and to ensure adequate access for touch judges, reasonable endeavours should be made to rope or cone off an area along the length of the playing area set back

from the touch line outside the field of play. Normally only coaches, managers, first aiders, touch judges, players who are taking part in the match at that time, or about to be brought onto the pitch as replacements, and the referee should be within this area.

6 If a late decision (i.e. a decision made or to be made within three hours of the scheduled kick-off time) as to the fitness of the pitch is necessary, it shall be made by the Team Managers of the teams concerned. If they are unable to agree the match shall be declared void and the Organiser in consultation with the Sub-Committee shall decide how competition points are to be awarded or whether an alternative date should be set for the match.

7 At all times there should be easy accessible entry for an ambulance to the pitch and ready access to a telephone (ideally a mobile telephone at pitch side). Team Managers must be aware of the ground post code to assist the emergency services and the home Club's emergency procedures. There should also be access to suitable facilities to meet the medical and safeguarding needs of players, officials and spectators, including changing, shelter, washing and toilet facilities.

8 Home Clubs should confirm arrangements with the away Club at least 8 days before the fixture.

#### **4312 Referees and Assistant Referees (Touch Judges)**

1 The Home Club must provide a suitably competent and experienced Referee (preferably one not associated with the age group) for all Cup and League games unless otherwise notified by the Organiser. This can be provided by the visiting team, but it is the Home Club's responsibility to organise.

2 Unless Assistant Referees have been appointed each team shall provide one Touch Judge to help the Referee. The role of touch judge should be limited to identifying when the ball has left play and when it has crossed the cross bar for a conversion or penalty.

3 Hampshire Rugby Referees (HRR) will be requested for all U18 league games, U16 Division 1 games, Cup Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and all Cup competition finals, and U15 Cup competition finals

#### **4313 Drawn Matches**

1 In Mini festivals drawn games stand as per the result at the final whistle. As scores are not recorded this bears no relevance on the festival outcome.

2 In League games no extra time shall be played and league points shall be awarded for the draw. (2 points per team)

3 In U13-18 Cup competitions during the progression rounds if the full-time score is level, the winning team shall be the team that scored the first try. If no tries were scored, then the first points scored win the game. If no points were scored by either team the winner will be the team with the fewer number of yellow cards awarded against them during the match. If the number of yellow cards is equal, then the away team will progress as winners.

4 In Cup Finals no extra time shall be played, and the winning team shall be the team that scored the first try. If no tries were scored, then the first points scored win the game. If no points were scored by either team the winner will be the team with the fewer number of yellow cards awarded against them during the match. If the number of yellow cards is equal, then the teams will toss a coin.

#### **4314 Postponed and Abandoned Matches**

1 60% Rule - If a match is abandoned when 60% of the pre-agreed game time has been played then the score at the moment of abandonment shall stand.

2 The referee's decision, as to the necessity for abandonment and the number of minutes played at the time of abandonment, shall be final.

3 The only acceptable reason for not playing a Cup or League match on the stated or agreed weekend shall be unacceptable adverse weather or pitch conditions.

4 If conditions prevent a Cup or League match being played or the match is abandoned because of such conditions, with less than 60% having been played, it shall be played or replayed at the first available date, at the direction of the Organiser.

5 If a Cup or League match is drawn at 60% played then 4313.3 shall apply.

6 **See 4307.3.** If agreement on a date change has not been reached, and if the reason for not playing is outside a Club's control then the Organiser in consultation with the Sub-Committee shall consider what action to take. It is the responsibility of the relevant Team Manager to inform the Organiser, and the opposition if a match is to be cancelled.

7 In the event of the unavoidable cancellation of a match because of weather conditions, or if a match is abandoned because of such conditions or because of any other safety or disciplinary reasons before 60% has been played, and the match cannot be re-scheduled it shall be void and no competition points awarded. For Cup matches the away team shall progress as winners.

8 If any other reason for not playing a match is acceptable to the Organiser, and the match cannot be rescheduled, the match shall be void and no competition points awarded. For Cup matches the away team shall progress as winners.

9 If the reason for not playing a match is not acceptable to the Organiser, the non-offending Club will count the match towards their 50% and will be awarded Fixture played and Win points. In the case of matches involving Vectis an investigation as set out in 4311.2 will be undertaken. The match shall be recorded as "not played" against the offending Club and match points may be deducted. The Organiser will determine any points deduction. If the final position of another Club could be affected by such an award, then the match points of a game which actually took place involving the offending Club and the affected Club may be discounted at the sole discretion of the Organiser.

### **Late Cancellations**

10 Regardless of the fact that it may be possible to re-arrange a match, late cancellations cause unnecessary expenses and aggravation to Clubs and players on both sides. If a Club is responsible for a late cancellation, providing this is communicated to the Organiser and the opposition before 2100 on the Thursday evening, the match shall be void and no competition points awarded. For Cup matches the non-offending team shall progress as winners. For League the non-offending team will count this as a match towards their 50% of fixtures completed and will be awarded Fixture played & Win points. If a match is cancelled after 2100 on the Thursday, 4314.8 and 4314.9 apply.

## **4315 Notification of Results**

1 The winning Club shall inform the Organiser or their nominee of the result of the match by emailing scanned copies of completed match cards signed by an official from each side and the referee within 24 hrs of the game being played.

2 Failure to notify the correct result within the above timescale could mean, at the Organiser's discretion, disqualification of the Club (for Cup matches their opponents shall proceed to the next round), or for clubs in a League, the deduction of competition points.

## **4316 Finance**

1 Each participating Club in the Mini Festival, Cup or League Competitions shall pay an entrance fee, which shall be determined annually by the Youth Committee & ratified by the Game Development Committee. This fee will be invoiced at the beginning of the season (with the annual Club invoice with all subscriptions on from the County office).

## **4317**     **Protests, Disputes and Transgressions**

1        Seeding objections to be made within 2 weeks of Fixture publication

2        Eligibility of Players

        i        Before the Game

                                If a Club has a doubt about the eligibility of an opposition player (4305) this must be raised as soon as possible with the opposition Team Manager. If necessary, the concerned Club should refer their protest immediately by whatever means to the Organiser, or to any other member of the Committee who may be present at the game. His decision shall be final and is not subject to appeal. The match result will stand.

        ii        During or After the Game or if the Organiser or no Committee member is present or able to reach a view:

                                The concerned Club must refer their protest by whatever means to the Organiser. He shall have discretion to resolve any such protest and shall inform all interested parties of his decision as soon as possible (see 4305.6). This decision may be subject to appeal. The match result may be declared void.

3        Other Matters in Dispute or Alleged Transgressions of this Regulation.

        i        Any other matters in dispute or any alleged transgressions of this Regulation must be referred by whatever means to the Organiser within 48 hours of the end of the match. This must be supported by a written complaint which must reach the Organiser and other interested parties within a further 48 hours, setting out the grounds of the complaint in full. The Organiser has the authority to resolve any such complaint and shall inform the interested parties of his decision.

4        Appeals

        i        If a Club wishes to appeal against the decision of the Organiser, the appeal must be lodged with the Youth Committee Chair within 48 hours of receiving the decision and confirmed in writing within a further 48 hours. The Youth Committee has the authority to resolve any appeal and the Chair shall inform the interested parties of the decision.

        ii        If a Club wishes to appeal against the decision of the Youth Committee, the appeal must be lodged with the Executive Director within 48 hours of receiving the decision and confirmed in writing within a further 48 hours. This appeal will be considered by the Management Board at their next scheduled meeting if time permits or by a select group of the Board if not. Their decision shall be final.

## **4318**     **Terms and Conditions of Participation**

1        Applications for entry to the Competitions are to be forwarded to the Organiser by the 31 May in any given year.

2        If any Club, having entered, does not take part in the Competition or, having participated, fails to honour subsequent fixtures in the Competition, then such Club's opponents in the Cup Round as drawn will receive a bye into the next Round of the Competition without prejudice to any further action that may be taken by the Committee.

3        No fines shall be issued for withdrawing from Competitions after the fixtures are announced but no refund shall be made.

4        Any appeal shall be dealt with as in 4317.3

5        Regulation 1 is also relevant.

6.        Out of County Associate clubs must conform to Hampshire RFU Competition Regulations and will fall under Hampshire RFU for all Discipline procedures.



## **Appendix 1 Seeding U13s / U14s**

**U13s** – normally the highest performing 8 teams in the previous season's Hampshire U12 Cup Tournament will be seeded, other than as determined by the Organiser in consultation with clubs:

- 1 Cup Winner
- 2 Cup Runner Up
- 3 Cup 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- 4 Cup 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- 5 Plate Winner (or 2<sup>nd</sup> tier completion if another name is used)
- 6 Plate Runner Up
- 7 Plate 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- 8 Plate 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Other teams will be unseeded

(If no Plate 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place play off takes place then losing semi-finalists will be seeded 7 and 8 in alphabetical order)

**U14s** – seeded as follows taking account of the previous seasons U13s' results:

- 1 Cup Winner
- 2 Cup Runner Up
- 3 Cup 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- 4 Cup 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- 5 Plate Winner
- 6 Plate Runner Up
- 7 Plate 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- 8 Plate 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Other teams will be unseeded

(If no Plate 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place play off takes place then losing semi-finalists will be seeded 7 and 8 in alphabetical order)

## **Appendix 2 U13 and U14s Cup Fixtures and Competition Structure**

The competitions will be multi-tiered in a waterfall format. The number of tiers will depend on the number of teams entered into the competitions.

The Competition structure outlined below is based upon 24 teams entering.

If there are not 24 teams entered, then teams will draw a bye in the Preliminary Round. All teams will be randomly drawn by the Organiser.

The Organiser, in consultation with the Sub-Committee, may amend the competition structure, should the number of teams entering the competition be significantly below the 24-team format.

### **Level 1 – Cup**

- Preliminary Round of 16 unseeded teams (8 matches). Round 1 – 8 seeded teams enter the competition as the Home team, plus 8 winners from Preliminary Round, Quarter Finals – winners from Round 1 (4 matches)
- Semi Finals –winners from Quarter Finals (2 matches)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place Play off – losing Semi-Finalists (1 match)
- Final – winning Semi-Finalists (1 match)

### **Level 2 – Shield**

- Semi Finals – Losing Cup Quarter Finalists (2 matches)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place Play off – losing Plate Semi-Finalists (1 match)
- Final – winning Plate Semi-Finalists (1 match)

### **Level 3 – Plate**

- Round 1 –8 Losers from Cup Preliminary Round and 8 Losers from Round 1 of the Cup (8 Games)
- Quarter Finals –winners from Round 1 (4 matches)
- Semi Finals –winners from Bowl Quarter Finals (2 matches)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place Play off – losing Bowl Semi-Finalists (1 match)
- Final – winning Bowl Semi-Finalists (1 match)

### **Level 4–Bowl**

- Semi-Finals - Losing Bowl Quarter Finalists (2 matches)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place Play off – losing Bowl Semi-Finalists (1 match)
- Final – winning Bowl Semi-Finalists (1 match)

In each round of the U13s/U14s the following arrangements for fixtures will apply

- The Organiser and at least 1 member of the Sub-Committee will make the drawer of clubs to be assigned position 9 – 24 in the Tournament
- The HRFU U13 and U14 Cup competition format will be used in which the seeded sides enter at Cup Round 1 with home advantage.
- In all games the team named first in the fixture is the home side. All games have been randomly generated for all rounds of the competition.

### **Appendix 3 – U15 and U16 League Structure**

- The U15 and U16 League competition Division will be based with full transparency on the final positions/seedings from the previous season's U14 / U15 competition.
- Clubs entering the U15 League without a seeding from the U14 competition will be allocated a place in one of the Divisions at the Organiser's discretion.
- Teams in each U15 Division will play each other at least once in the pool rounds that will decide the Divisional Winners.
- Following the pool rounds teams will enter Cup, Shield, Plate, Bowl, Vase and Trophy competitions as per their finishing positions in the divisions, subject to the number of teams in the competition that season.
- The two teams at the top of Divisions 2 and 3 will enter the competition above their finishing position.
- The two teams at the bottom of Division 1 will enter the competition at the level below their finishing position.
- The bottom team in Division 2 will enter the competition level below their finishing position.
- All league matches are to be played by 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- At the end of the U15 season the organiser will once again decide on promotion and relegation based on performance/merit for the commencement of the U16 season.

### **Appendix 4 – U18 League Structure**

The teams entered into the competition for the coming season will be placed in divisions subject to the number of teams entering the competition. The number of teams per division and number of divisions is subject to the number of teams entering the competition. The U18 League Organiser will present the coming seasons schedule to the MY Competitions Committee at which the coming seasons competitions are being finalised.

Each team will play the other teams in their division at least once.

Once the league competition has completed, a cup competition will be organised.

The U18 County Champions will be the team that is at the top of Division One once all games have been completed.

### **Appendix 5 Contacts for 2024-25 season:**

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